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Dear Dr. Saha

I am applying for a research analyst position at Compass Lexecon on the recommendation of an employee at the Chicago office, Swaroop Poudel, a fellow Reed College alumnus. I would like this application to be considered by following offices, listed in order of preference: New York; Oakland; Washington, D.C.

I have experience applying statistics in a behavioral genetics laboratory under the direction of professors Susan C. P. Renn and Albyn Jones. In my research with them, I solved applied problems having to do with interpretation of data using *R*, a language new to me at the time. I found the work satisfying, so much so that my last subject of study at the laboratory evolved naturally into my senior thesis. A position at Compass Lexecon would be an opportunity for me to do more computational statistics, further hone my programming skills, and gain a more intimate knowledge of the tools used for the interpretation and management of large data sets. I want to join Compass Lexecon so that I might continue to bring sense to data.

I like detail oriented work, especially when it involves writing code. I have a good understanding of the careful patience required to do mathematics correctly, whether abstract or applied. I have strong social skills, as evidenced by my four years as a member of the Reed College ultimate frisbee team and a recent volunteer position as an outdoor trip student leader. I am sharp and calm, a goal-oriented team player. These skills and characteristics make me a good choice for a position at Compass Lexecon. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my background and the analyst position with you, either over the phone. I can be reached by phone at (714) 362 6823 or by email at andywinterman@gmail.com.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Sincerely,
Andrew Winterman

encl: Resume; references; unofficial transcript; letter on grades at Reed; writing sample.

P.S. Official print transcript available upon request.